

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Non-final office action of January 20, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to clarify the status of the parent application, which has now issued. Claim 25 has been amended. Claims 1-29 remain pending. No new matter has been added.

The specification was objected to for informalities. The specification has been amended to clarify the status of the parent application. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted the objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-29 were rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,714,154. A terminal disclaimer is filed herewith. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 25-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for insufficient antecedent basis. Claim 25 has been amended to clarify the antecedent basis. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted the rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that no fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, accordingly.

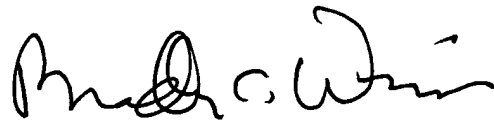
All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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